(b) if so, whether Government have given full excise duty exemption to cement from 1st June, 2001; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have given full exemption from excise duty to cement supplied for reconstruction or repair of private buildings, residential or non-residential, in the earthquake-affected areas of the State of Gujarat, subject to certain conditions as prescribed in notification No. 16/2001-Central Excise, dated 26.3.2001. The exemption is now valid upto 31.3.2003.

Money deposited in Indian banks through hawala transactions

*691. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large sum of money has been deposited in Indian banks through hawala transactions from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether this money is being used by terrorist outfits through their contacts in Agra, Saharanpur, Delhi, Surat and Hazaribagh, etc.;

(c) whether these bank accounts have been confiscated and action taken against guilty persons; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The Enforcement Directorate has come across only one case (Red Fort Shoot out case) in which it was revealed that an amount of Rs. 37 lakh had been received by the accused from Pakistan through hawala transactions and the same was later on deposited in Indian banks. Investigations further revealed that this amount was being used by the terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba. Action under the provisions Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA, 1999) has been initiated in this case.

Funds for flood control

*692. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of normal flood and erosion control projects submitted by the Government of Assam during the last three years alongwith the date of submission, date of final clearance for execution, total outlay, year-wise amount sanctioned, utilized, progress made and target set, scheme-wise; and